

2008 Western Conference of Public Service Commissioners

June 15-18, 2008 – Grouse Mountain Lodge, Whitefish, Montana



Conference Agenda

Sunday, June 15	
1:00 – 6:00 pm	Registration
2:30 – 5:00 pm	Western Solar Policy Dialogue Panel Session Hosted by NARUC
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Welcome Reception Hosted by Montana Telecommunications Association
Monday, June 16	
7:00 am – noon	Registration
7:00 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 8:20 am	Opening Presentations “Welcome to Montana” - Stan Lynde
8:20 – 9:30 am	President’s Panel Marsha Smith - NARUC President, Idaho Commissioner Electric - Greg Abel CEO PacifiCorp Gas - Mark Dodson NW Natural Telecom - John Jones CenturyTel Water - Floyd Wicks CEO American States Water
9:30 – 9:45 am	Break

9:45 – 10:45 am	<p>Telecom – “USF - The Problems Still Haven’t Gone Away”</p> <p>Ray Baum - Oregon Commissioner - Moderator</p> <p>Steve Davis Qwest</p> <p>Rick Cimerman National Cable & Telecomm. Assoc.</p> <p>Bill Squires Blackfoot Telecommunications Group</p> <p>J. Woody Union Telephone Company</p> <p>John Jones CenturyTel</p>
10:45 – 11:45am	<p>Natural Gas Panel - “America’s Federal Lands Oil and Gas Supply Outlook: On- and Off-Shore.”</p> <p>Dave Harbour - Consumer Energy Alliance - Moderator</p> <p>Henri Bisson Bureau of Land Management</p> <p>Harold E. Syms Minerals Management Service</p>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	<p>Luncheon at The Pavilion</p> <p>Keynote Speaker:</p> <p>Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer</p>
1:15 – 2:15 pm	<p>Electric Transmission Siting</p> <p>James Tarpey - Colorado Commissioner - Moderator</p> <p>Dave Gates NorthWestern Energy</p> <p>Johan van’t Hof MATL</p>
2:15 – 3:15 pm	<p>Telecom – “Now What Do We Do?” The Evolving Role of Regulation in Telecom</p> <p>Bob Rowe - Balhoff & Rowe - Moderator</p> <p>Philip Jones Washington Commissioner</p> <p>Ron Binz Colorado Commissioner</p>
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:45 pm	<p>Regional Transmission Organizations – Perspectives</p> <p>Bob Anderson - Western Grip Group - Moderator</p> <p>Jeff Miller ColumbiaGrid</p> <p>Rich Bayless NTTG</p> <p>Robin Smutny-Jones California ISO</p> <p>Charles Reinhold WestConnect</p>
5:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>Social Hour at “The Saloon”</p> <p>Hosted by Summit Utilities</p>
6:00 – 8:00 pm	Dinner and Entertainment at The Pavilion
Tuesday, June 17	
7:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast
7:15 – 9:00 am	Western Conference Commission Breakfast and Business Meeting (Commissioners only)

9:00 – 10:15 am	Water - Future Demand, Drought, Energy David King - New Mexico Commissioner - Moderator Kent Turner Calif. American Water Co. Chris Rayburn Water Works Research Foundation Thomas Veselka Argonne Nat'l Laboratory John Bohn California Commissioner
10:15 – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 11:45 am	Electricity - The Changing Resource Mix - Making It Work John Savage - Oregon Commissioner - Moderator Richard Walje Rocky Mtn Power – Pres. Michael Peevey California Commissioner Doug Larson WIEB – Exec Director
12:00 pm	Meet for Afternoon Activities (all activities include a box lunch)
Wednesday, June 18	
7:00 – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 9:15 am	Natural Gas - Western Markets – Trends and Future Actions Tim Johnston Summit Utilities – Exec. VP Kent Taylor KTM Inc – Chairman
9:15 – 10:00 am	WREGIS update Constance White W.E.C.C. - Director - WREGIS
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:15 am	Energy Efficiency Bob Raney - Montana Commissioner - Moderator Marsha Smith NARUC President - Idaho Commissioner Dian Grueneich California Commissioner Bruce Folsom Avista DSM Manager
11:15 – 11:30 pm	Closing Remarks